

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 5, please add the following new header:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 2, before line 10, please add the following new header:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 4, before line 11, please add the following new header:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 4, before line 19, please add the following new header:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24 as follows:

--The microcircuit card is precut. Thus there are seen, around the card, two slots 13, which here are parallel to the longer sides of the card 10, and a transverse slot 14. The contour of the microcircuit card 11 is completed by lines of mechanical weakening, for example grooves 20.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 30  
as follows:

--Outside the portion common to the contour of the  
microcircuit card, the contour of the token 15 is defined by  
[[a]] one or more mechanically weakened ~~line~~ lines, preferably  
consisting of grooves ~~16~~ 22.--